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1. WILLIAM SAFIRE, IN TODAY'S NYT HAS A BLAST AT BERT LANCE, SPECIFICALLY HIS ALLEGED ARAB CONNECTION (E.G., "BERT . . . WILL BE WALKING A MILE FOR A KAMAL" -- A REFERENCE TO KAMAL ADHAM WHO IS CLOSELY LINKED TO THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT.) THE YUGOSLAV ANGLE IS INDIRECT, BUT SAFIRE CHARGES THAT "TWO DAYS AFTER ARAB ALLY MARSHALL TITO LEFT WASHINGTON. . ., BERT MET WITH YUGOSLAV FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS IN BELGRADE. THE MEETING WAS SET UP IN YUGOSLAVIA BY THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR AT THE CABLED REQUEST OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT." WE WILL POUCH THE ARTICLE. THIS IS JUST TO WARN YOU THAT YOUR APPARENT SUCCESS IN ARRANGING SOMETHING DURING LANCE'S STOPOVER MAY HAVE BACKFIRED.

2. WE WILL BE HOLDING ANOTHER INTERAGENCY GROUP MEETING ON
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YUGOSLAVIA ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4 TO REVIEW THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND TO DECIDE HOW TO GALVANIZE YOU INTO MORE EFFECTIVE ACTION THIS YEAR (THAT'S A JOKE, OF COURSE). LUERS WILL CHAIR AND EVERYONE IN TOWN WILL BE THERE.

3. THANKS FOR YOUR RUNDOWN ON THE ALIMI CASE. WE PASSED IT TO CONGRESSMAN MCGUIRE'S OFFICE AND IT TOOK SOME OF THE

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HEAT OFF FOR NOW. BUT THE PROBLEM COULD BE A MESSY ONE, ESPECIALLY IF (AS IT NOW APPEARS) HE HAS ACTUALLY BEEN INDUCTED. WE HOPE THAT STARCEVIC CAN DO SOMETHING, AND THE SOONER THE BETTER. COOPER

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